

Childhood Asthma

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Asthma often runs in families that have a history of asthma and allergies. It is the most common chronic disease of childhood and the number one reason why children miss school.

Did You Know

\$20.7 million

in hospital charges for children with asthma.¹

13,148 emergency

department visits for asthma among children.²

11.4%

of children under the age of 18 were diagnosed with asthma during their lifetime.³

1 in 3

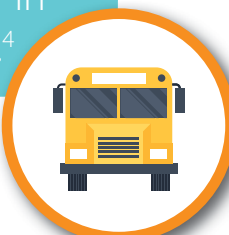
or 31.9% asthma hospitalizations were for children.¹

56.9% of children with asthma had an "asthma attack" in the past year.⁴

57.7% of children had to limit their activities due to asthma.⁴

77,769 children

were taking asthma medication at home or school.⁵



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